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 2.  Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 13  
 3.  Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2  
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     b.  Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
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       Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).  
 4.  Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
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5.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)  
 6.  Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).  
 7.  English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)  
 8.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations  
 9.  Preliminary Amendment  
 10.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
       (Should be specifically itemized)  
 11.  Small Entity  Statement filed in prior Application, Statement(s) Status still proper and desired  
 12.  Certified copy of Japanese priority document No. P2000-369793 filed December 5, 2000.

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled  
"COMMUNICATIONS RELAY DEVICE, COMMUNICATIONS RELAY  
METHOD, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL APPARATUS AND  
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM"  
Applicant(s) Masaaki Isozu, et al.  
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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 20 claims (4 independent), 13 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-13) and the filing fee of \$824.00 on behalf of

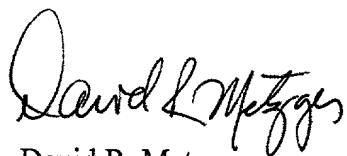
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Drawings (13 sheets - Figs. 1-13)

Unexecuted Declaration

Letter Under 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c)

Preliminary Amendment

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

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**INVENTION: "COMMUNICATIONS RELAY DEVICE, COMMUNICATIONS RELAY METHOD, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL APPARATUS AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM"**

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SIR:

Between the title and the heading “Background of the Invention” on page 1, insert the following:

#### --RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-369793 filed December 5, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.---

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